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Docket No. 29565/KC15,490
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DECLARATION FOR PATENT APPLICATION

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address, and citizenship are as stated below next to my name. I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled METHOD OF ASSEMBLING PERSONAL CARE ABSORBENT ARTICLE, the specification of which

(check one) ☒ is filed herewith.
☐ was filed on _____ as
☐ Application Serial No. _____
☐ and was amended on _____
 (if applicable)

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56 (a).

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

Prior Foreign Application(s)

Priority Claimed

(Number)

(Country)

(Day/Month/Year Filed)

(Yes)

(No)

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

(Application Serial No.)

(Filing Date)

(Status-Patented, Pending, Abandoned)

I hereby appoint the following attorney(s) and/or agent(s) to prosecute this application and any continuing application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith:

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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

Full name of sole or first inventor Harold Norbert Heller

Inventor's signature Harold Norbert Heller Date May 30, 2002

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 Seventh Inventor's signature Sarah Jane Marie Freiburger Date June 27, 2002
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 Eighth Inventor's signature Mary Anne Bruemmer-Prestley Date June 26, 2002
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Group Art Unit: 1734

Serial Number: 09/834,875

Examiner: Jerry Lorengo

Filed: 04/13/01

Title: METHOD OF ASSEMBLING PERSONAL CARE ABSORBENT ARTICLE

REQUEST TO CORRECT INVENTORSHIP

Hon. Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

This paper is being submitted to Request Correction of Inventorship in the above referenced application. The applicant requests that the U.S. Patent Office add the inventors "Paul Theodore Van Gompel, Cindy Lou Price, Sarah Jane Marie Freiburger, Paul William Christoffel, Lori Sue Schutkoska, Suzanne Marie Schmoker, Mary Anne Bruemmer-Prestley" to the above referenced application. The inventors were unintentionally omitted from the original filed application documents.

Attached is a Written Consent Assignee Correction from the Assignee, an Affidavit of Inventor from inventors Van Gompel, Price, Freiburger, Christoffel, Schutkoska, Schmoker, and Bruemmer-Prestley, and a newly executed Declaration signed by all inventors, including inventors Van Gompel, Price, Freiburger, Christoffel, Schutkoska, Schmoker, and Bruemmer-Prestley.

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Also, attached is a newly executed Assignment, signed by all inventors, and a Recordation Cover Sheet. The applicant requests that the U.S. Patent Office record the newly executed Assignment.

Accordingly, a fee is due. The attached checks for \$130.00 and \$40.00 are enclosed to pay the fees for correcting inventorship, and recording the Assignment. Should any other fee be properly due, or should any fee submitted herewith be insufficient, kindly charge same, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account 23-2130.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions, comments or concerns, at the telephone number listed at the end of these remarks.

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Respectfully submitted,
Harold Norbert Heller et al.

September 17, 2002
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By: Thomas D. Wilhelm
Thomas D. Wilhelm
Attorney for Applicants
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Examiner: Marcus Kirk

Filed: 4/13/2001

Title: METHOD OF ASSEMBLING PERSONAL CARE ABSORBENT ARTICLE

WRITTEN CONSENT ASSIGNEE CORRECTION
UNDER 37 C.F.R. 3.73(b)

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

I consent to the assignment changes set forth herein.

Nancy Lee Carter
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Sir:

This paper is being submitted to clarify that the attached Declaration signed 05/23/02, 05/27/02, 05/28/02, 05/30/02, 06/26/02, 06/27/02, and 07/12/02, is related to Patent Application Serial No. 09/834,875, which was filed on 04/13/2001.

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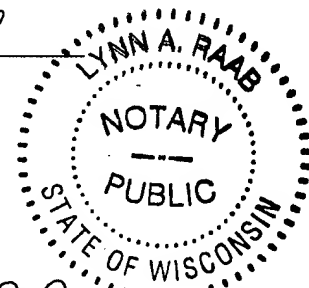
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PAUL THEODORE VAN GOMPEL, being duly sworn, states that:

1. I am the inventor in the above identified application.
2. The purpose of his affidavit is to establish that I hereby agree that the omission of my name as a joint inventor to the invention named METHOD OF ASSMEBLING PERSONAL CARE ABSORBENT ARTICLE, Docket number 29565/KC15490, was not due to any deceptive intent on the part of myself, any other named inventors on this patent application, Kimberly-Clark Worldwide, Inc. or Wilhelm Law Service.
7. The foregoing statements of fact are true to the best of my knowledge.

Paul Theodore Van Gompel
PAUL THEODORE VAN GOMPEL
INVENTOR
W9029 School Road
Hortonville, WI 54944



State of Wisconsin

County of Winnebago

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 23 day of May, 2002, by the above-named Paul Theodore Van Gompel, known to me to be the person who executed the foregoing instrument, and who acknowledged that he executed the same as his free act and deed.

Lynn A. Raab
Notary Public, State of STATE

My commission expires:

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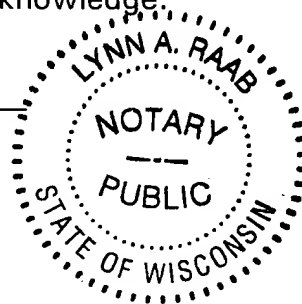
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CINDY LOU PRICE, being duly sworn, states that:

1. I am the inventor in the above identified application.
2. The purpose of his affidavit is to establish that I hereby agree that the omission of my name as a joint inventor to the invention named METHOD OF ASSMEBLING PERSONAL CARE ABSORBENT ARTICLE, Docket number 29565/KC15490, was not due to any deceptive intent on the part of myself, any other named inventors on this patent application, Kimberly-Clark Worldwide, Inc. or Wilhelm Law Service.
7. The foregoing statements of fact are true to the best of my knowledge.

Cindy Lou Price
CINDY LOU PRICE
INVENTOR
4116 North McCarthy Road
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State of Wisconsin

County of Winnebago

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 07 day of June, 2002, by the above-named Cindy Lou Price, known to me to be the person who executed the foregoing instrument, and who acknowledged that he executed the same as his free act and deed.

Lynn A Raab
Notary Public, State of Wisconsin

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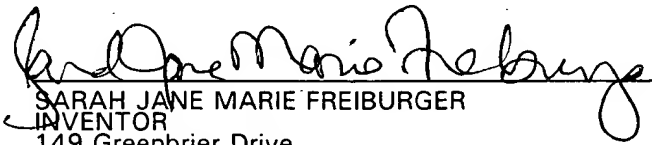
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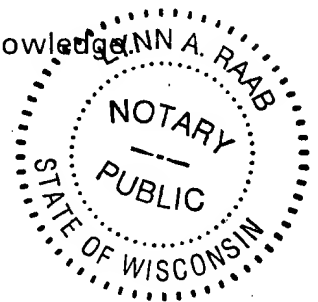
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SARAH JANE MARIE FREIBURGER, being duly sworn, states that:

1. I am the inventor in the above identified application.
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7. The foregoing statements of fact are true to the best of my knowledge.


SARAH JANE MARIE FREIBURGER
INVENTOR
149 Greenbrier Drive
Hortonville, WI 54944



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Subscribed and sworn to before me this 27 day of June, 2002,
by the above-named Sarah Jane Marie Freiburger, known to me to be the person who
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AFFIDAVIT OF Paul William Christoffel
UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.132

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PAUL WILLIAM CHRISTOFFEL, being duly sworn, states that:

1. I am the inventor in the above identified application.
2. The purpose of his affidavit is to establish that I hereby agree that the omission of my name as a joint inventor to the invention named METHOD OF ASSMEBLING PERSONAL CARE ABSORBENT ARTICLE, Docket number 29565/KC15490, was not due to any deceptive intent on the part of myself, any other named inventors on this patent application, Kimberly-Clark Worldwide, Inc. or Wilhelm Law Service.
7. The foregoing statements of fact are true to the best of my knowledge.

Paul William Christoffel

PAUL WILLIAM CHRISTOFFEL
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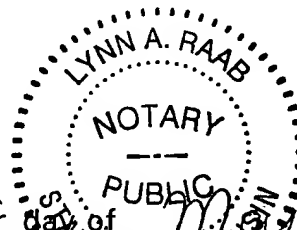
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 28 day of May, 2002, by the above-named Paul William Christoffel, known to me to be the person who executed the foregoing instrument, and who acknowledged that he executed the same as his free act and deed.

Lynn A. Raab
Notary Public, State of Wisconsin

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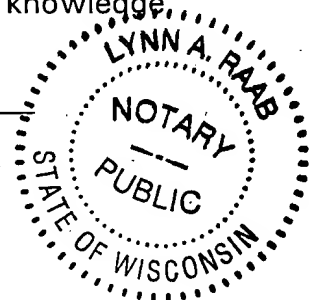
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LORI SUE SCHUTKOSKE, being duly sworn, states that:

1. I am the inventor in the above identified application.
2. The purpose of his affidavit is to establish that I hereby agree that the omission of my name as a joint inventor to the invention named METHOD OF ASSMEBLING PERSONAL CARE ABSORBENT ARTICLE, Docket number 29565/KC15490, was not due to any deceptive intent on the part of myself, any other named inventors on this patent application, Kimberly-Clark Worldwide, Inc. or Wilhelm Law Service.
7. The foregoing statements of fact are true to the best of my knowledge.

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Subscribed and sworn to before me this 12 day of July, 2002, by the above-named Lori Sue Schutkoske, known to me to be the person who executed the foregoing instrument, and who acknowledged that he executed the same as his free act and deed.

Lynn A. Raab
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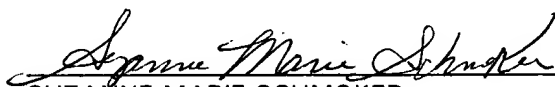
AFFIDAVIT OF Suzanne Marie Schmoker
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SUZANNE MARIE SCHMOKER, being duly sworn, states that:

1. I am the inventor in the above identified application.
2. The purpose of his affidavit is to establish that I hereby agree that the omission of my name as a joint inventor to the invention named METHOD OF ASSMEBLING PERSONAL CARE ABSORBENT ARTICLE, Docket number 29565/KC15490, was not due to any deceptive intent on the part of myself, any other named inventors on this patent application, Kimberly-Clark Worldwide, Inc. or Wilhelm Law Service.
7. The foregoing statements of fact are true to the best of my knowledge.


SUZANNE MARIE SCHMOKER
INVENTOR
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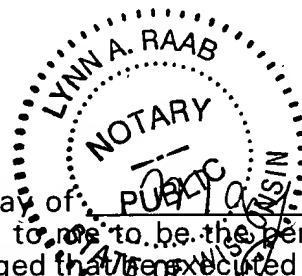
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 28 day of August, 2002, by the above-named Suzanne Marie Schmoker, known to me to be the person who executed the foregoing instrument, and who acknowledged that he executed the same as his free act and deed.


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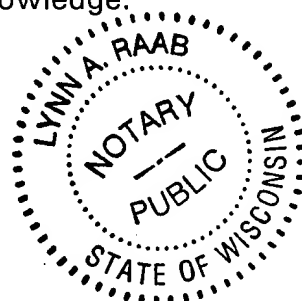
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MARY ANNE BRUEMMER-PRESTLEY, being duly sworn, states that:

1. I am the inventor in the above identified application.
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7. The foregoing statements of fact are true to the best of my knowledge.

Mary Anne Bruemmer-Prestley
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Subscribed and sworn to before me this 26 day of June, 2002, by the above-named Mary Anne Bruemmer-Prestley, known to me to be the person who executed the foregoing instrument, and who acknowledged that he executed the same as his free act and deed.

Lynn A. Raab
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